



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 264

LCO No. 1416

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING LICENSED VETERINARIANS TO EUTHANIZE
INJURED WILDLIFE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 (a) Any deer, moose or black bear killed or seriously wounded as
4 the result of a collision with a motor vehicle may, after inspection of
5 such deer, moose or black bear by the local police authorities, state
6 police or conservation officer and after issuance of a copy of a wildlife
7 kill incident report, become the property of the operator of such motor
8 vehicle or any other person if such operator declines possession.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
10 authorize any veterinarian licensed pursuant to chapter 384 to
11 humanely euthanize any deer, moose, black bear or other wildlife
12 seriously wounded as the result of a collision with a motor vehicle. The
13 commissioner may prescribe the process for such authorization and
14 may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement
15 the provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	26-86
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Statement of Purpose:

To authorize licensed veterinarians to humanely euthanize certain wildlife when such wildlife is seriously injured as the result of a collision with a motor vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]